

Preliminary Amendment  
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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract as filed with the amended Abstract, which is set forth below. (Appendix C, which is enclosed herewith, shows how the original Abstract was amended to produce the amended Abstract. In Appendix C, the portions being added are underlined; and the portions being deleted are enclosed in brackets.)

(Amended)

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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In order to restrict access to content data held on a removable data carrier or included in an electronic file, equipment for accessing this content is arranged only to be enabled upon a location condition being satisfied. This condition is tested for by obtaining current-location data representing the current location of the equipment, and comparing the current-location data with authorized-location data representing a predetermined authorized location or locality for operation of the equipment. This comparison is done in a remote service system after the identity of the content data has been sent to the system.